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County still struggling to reduce tax hike

Expenditures continue to add up

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The county continues to struggle to bridge a \$3-million shortfall in its 2006 budget.

Councillors met with staff on Wednesday to prune the edges of department expenditures but made little progress on what is turning out to be a tricky predicament.

County Treasurer Laura Janke started the meeting with some bad news. There is now an additional \$34,000 in expenditures from the preliminary budget unveiled in December. Some of that figure is due to lower property revenue from managed forests, which had their tax formula revamped by MPAC. As well, only half of the expected surplus of \$100,000 is available, although that could be offset by the yet-to-be-announced surplus in the Social Services and Housing department.

The meeting did eventually identify more than half a million dollars in potential cuts and savings but there was no clear consensus on whether to go ahead with all of them. Most of the savings would come from the roads department, which could put off or downsize certain projects such as the Rail Trail trellis, Hawk Lake Road construction, and resurfacing County Road 9.

There is almost \$300,000 potentially available from the federal gas tax but no agreement on how to use it. Janke believes it should be put toward supporting already existing road projects. Others, such as Roads Operations Manager Doug Ray and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, think it should go toward special projects that they otherwise wouldn't be able to afford.

"I think we should be getting

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Sun overshadows the Star

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Which is the better newspaper: The *Toronto Sun* or the *Toronto Star*? As far as county interests are concerned, the nod would have to go to the former.

County council decided to renew its advertising agreement with the *Toronto Sun* despite reported protest from *Star* aficionados in the tourism sector.

In 2005, the county bought \$50,000 worth of advertising in the *Sun* to attract tourists and is now going to spend roughly the same in 2006 (\$53,000). Robert Smith, director of economic development and marketing, says the same weekly advertisement with the *Star* would cost

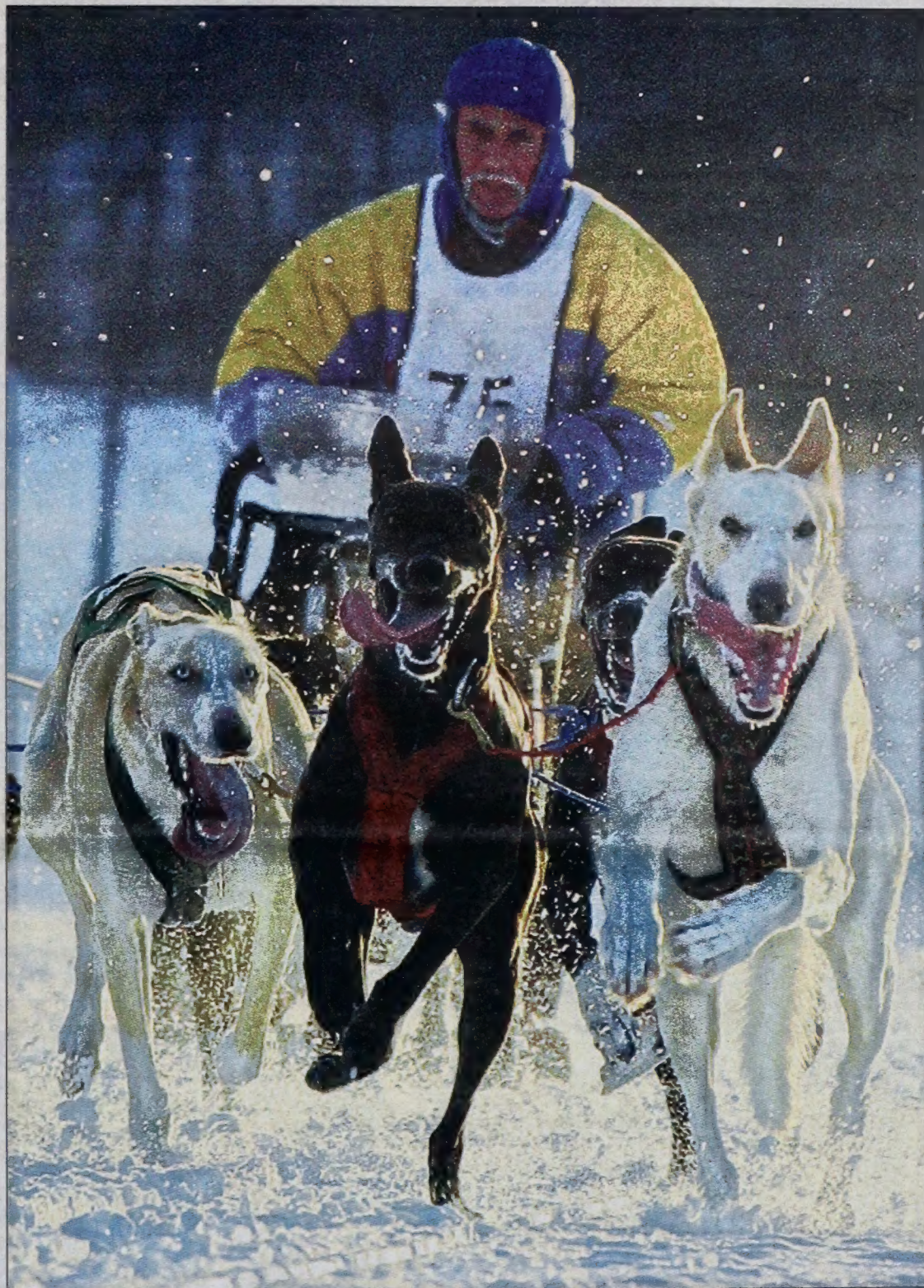
more than double the amount for essentially the same result.

"When you compare the stats, the difference between the *Sun* and the *Star* in terms of readership is not that different," Smith told council at its meeting last Wednesday. "I think it shows good value for the money."

Smith based his argument on statistics obtained from an independent newspaper audience databank, which showed little variation in key demographics. The *Star* only slightly edges out the *Sun* in readership (1.3 million to 1.1 million) and in readers who make upwards of \$75,000 a year (47% to 41%).

The county also likes the fact that the *Sun* provides several

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DARREN LUM/ECHO

Raring to win

Northern Ontario's Lou Serre, a perennial winner in the Haliburton Dogsled Derby, lets his dogs run towards a first place for the eight dog open category race at the Delta Pinestone Resort on Saturday. There were hundreds of spectators at the event organized by Winterdance Dogsled Tours.

Hurononia closure affects Haliburton family

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Now that the courts have decided that the province can go ahead and close the Huronia Regional Centre, Glen and

Delores Blair are hoping that the government lives up to its commitment of providing a suitable home for their daughter Rosy.

"We just have to wait and see what happens," said Delores a few days after the Ontario

Divisional Court ruled that the provincial government had the legal authority to close the three remaining institutions for adults with developmental disabilities.

"The government beat us, I

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Happy 40th Birthday James. From Gord and Lynda, Terry and Kim, Margaret and Gord, Dave and Karen, and all your other family, and your friends.

Hydro takes pair of gloves for a ride

Echo Editor Martha Perkins' gloves must have the travelling bug. A few days ago she was interviewing Clay Ives, a HydroOne technician who was working near Glebe Park. (He's now in Italy where he is helping to coach the Canadian Olympic luge team.) She took her gloves off and placed them on the front the Hydro truck so she could take Ives' photo, and then they walked to the museum for the interview. The gloves stayed on the front of the truck - all the way to Minden, where Hydro workers found them at the end of the day. By this time they were frozen to the grill but the Hydro workers were kind enough to pry them off, dry them out and deliver them to the Echo a few days later.

The Friends of the Frost Centre have launched a new website, www.friendsofthefrostcentre.ca. They are preparing a proposal to re-open the Frost Centre are looking for schools, organizations, institutions, government departments and businesses who would like to book space at the Frost Centre. If interested, please complete the on-line survey, Potential Use Survey. The website also provides information on how you can help the Friends by becoming a member, donor partner or sponsor; providing a letter of support; or attending an An Evening with David Suzuki on February 11 in Toronto.

here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

Camp Kakeka will hold its third annual fundraising banquet on Saturday, February 25 in Burlington. Tickets are only \$10 each to enable as many people as possible to speak. Proceeds from this year's banquet will go towards the restoration of the camp's main lodge and dining room, which were destroyed by fire in December 2004. Camp Kakeka is a Christian camp on the shores of Basshaunt Lake just northeast of Haliburton village. To book tickets for the dinner call 754-2507 or you can visit the website at www.kakeka.com.

The yo-yoing temperatures that we've been experiencing lately continue to frustrate snowmobilers. The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, has, however, started to groom some of its trails, while others are open but with limited grooming. Check www.hcsa.on.ca.

One of Canada's top male jazz vocalists, Denzal Sinclair, will be performing at Peterborough Showplace on Friday, February 3 at 8 p.m.. Critics love his "gorgeous baritone voice reminiscent of Nat King Cole, exquisite delivery, sensitivity to melody and lyrical imagination." For tickets contact Craig Paterson at 705-745-1870 or Ken Brown at 705-743-8750.

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Down under up above

Winter isn't the only shock Australian family encounters during Haliburton sabbatical

Story, photo by Martha Perkins

When Freyja, Carson and Dakota MacDonald found out that they'd be leaving their home in Sydney, Australia to live in Haliburton for eight months, they thought the biggest challenge would be their first exposure to a real northern winter.

Ah, but they had never lived in a small town before. They didn't realize that in small towns, everyone knew everything – and that sooner or later the news would likely get back to their parents.

For instance, on the Monday after the Christmas break, Freyja's parents, Randy and Susan, drove her to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for what they thought was her first day of Grade 10 classes. But it turned out that she couldn't start school until the next day so they drove back home to Victoria Street.

No sooner had they walked in the door than the phone rang. It was Susan's mother, Barbara Joy Peel, wanting to know why Freyja wasn't in school.

Wait a minute. In the five minutes that it took the MacDonalds to drive from the high school to Victoria Street, how on earth did Freyja's grandmother find out that Freyja was not in class?

When Freyja did go to school for the first time, she went with three new friends whom she'd met at church: Sarah and Rachel Morgan and a friend of theirs named Erin. She couldn't remember Erin's last name.

"Oh, that must be Erin Nicholson," the visiting reporter says.

Freyja's mouth drops open. Is everyone in Haliburton psychic?

And come to think of it, what about that boy she met throughout the day at HHSS. Why did he keep on asking, "What are you doing?"

That's an easy one to answer, Freyja's dad says, looking over at his pretty teenaged daughter. "I was paying him 20 bucks an hour to spy on you," he says.

It's going to be a fun eight months for the MacDonald family.

Each one of the five MacDonalds has a different list of things they'd like to do during their eight-month sabbatical from all that sunshine and beach life back in Sydney.

Susan wants to reconnect with some of the friends she had when she grew up in Haliburton. She wants to visit with her 95-year-old grandmother, Marjorie Peel, and introduce her children to all the relatives they've never had a chance to meet. Other plans include walking through the woods with her dogs Snicker, an Australian koolie, and Tricky, a kelpie and indulging in the most idyllic life of all: a summer at her parents' island cottage on Kennisis Lake.

Randy, who grew up in Brampton, wants to take a picture of the snowmobiles in the high school parking lot and play lots of hockey. "I can play more hockey in a week here than I can play in Australia for a year, and I'm going to." He wouldn't mind taking a snowmobile – not without asking first, of course – out on one of the local trails and trying his hand at fishing, either.

Fifteen-year-old Freyja wants to finally meet her godmother, Holly Curtis, and play lots of soccer and basketball. Other than that she's keeping her options open. "I'm just going with the flow," she says. "I'm not going to force anything because then I'm not experiencing things, I'm making it happen."

Carson, who's 13 and

known by his family nickname of Tuppy, might have been born in Sydney but pulsing through his soul is pure Canadian blood. When he was told about moving to Haliburton for eight months, the first question he asked was, "Can I play hockey there?" He plays for one of the few teams in Australia and has already signed up with the Highland Storm. He can't wait for a game of shinny on a frozen lake or outdoor rink. His other goals include going rabbit hunting and building a snowman in the middle of the road and watching a car plow through it. (His parents have nixed that last idea; because they're not 13-year-old boys they can't really see the fun in it, but they can see all the danger.)

Four-year-old Dakota is the chatterbox of the family but she's too busy getting into mischief to sit down long enough to answer a question. She's pretty well game for anything but has discovered that she doesn't like her hands or face touching the snow. It hurts, she says.

The big thrill for all of them was waking up on Christmas morning in a land covered in snow.

"It was like in the movies," Freyja says, with Carson jumping in with, "It was really cool."

Having seen so many Christmas-in-the-snow movies, Carson wanted to know when the Christmas carollers would arrive at their doorstep. (He also wanted to know how many cinemas were behind the doors of the Molou, surprised there was only one.)

The snow has been a delight, although Carson didn't realize at first that you couldn't go to school in just a T-shirt and windbreaker. He didn't quite get the hang of how to make a snowman either. He went out to their backyard and started putting the snow in a pile; his dad came out and showed him the whole roll technique.

For the first time in their lives, the children were able to have Christmas morning with their mother's family and drive to Brampton that afternoon for the MacDonald family Christmas.

School's been fun – what little they've been able to

enjoy of it. On their second day icy roads kept most students at home, a concept that's not new to the MacDonalds. Back home in Australia it's summer, and when the temperatures get up to 40 or 45 degrees (on the plus side) they don't have to go to school either.

The family's own journey to Haliburton is a bit of a circuitous one. Freyja warns that her parents have slightly differing takes on the chain of events.

Susan grew up in Haliburton, the only child of Barbara and John Peel. After high school, she moved to Toronto where she was working at a restaurant and getting singing gigs. In the apartment across the hall from her lived a young man who caught her fancy, Randy MacDonald, who was, alas, betrothed to another.

Randy worked for TeleDirect and had accepted a transfer to Sydney.

"Essentially, I ended up in Australia without the person I was supposed to be engaged to and suggested to Sue that she might want to visit. She arrived with two of the world's biggest suitcases, one of which contained wallpaper."

Why would someone travel halfway around the world carrying heavy rolls of wallpaper? It seems perfectly normal to Susan. "I'd just bought it and hadn't used it and I knew the state of his apartment in Toronto."

She never did quite tell her parents that she wasn't coming home. Her six-month stay just kept getting extended. The Peels finally did get the idea when Susan and Randy were married on a Friday the 13th (a Good Friday to boot) in 1990 at the edge of a cliff in Australia.

It was a big year for the couple. Randy says, "I turned 30, got married, had a baby and changed my career all in the same year."

He left TeleDirect to become the sales and marketing general

manager of an outsource customer service company. "Say you're with Bell for your mobile phone and you need to activate it. We are the activation service for Australia's biggest cell phone company."

When Susan wasn't home with the children she worked at a veterinary hospital doing dog grooming. One year later she bought the business and sold it 12 years after that to set up her own wholesale business for pet products. Last year she brought Freyja to India and Carson to China on business trips.

Off and on through the years they talked about how nice it would be to spend some time in Haliburton. Then, when some of their friends died or lost family members, they realized that once time was lost, it was lost forever. Given Australia's high school system, the only time to make the leap was now; Freyja would be risking her post-secondary opportunities if they waited a year.

Since the dogs were definitely part of the family, Snicker and Tricky were put in cages with lots of treats for their plane journey.

Randy was only able to get a six-month sabbatical so he'll just be able to enjoy blackfly and mosquito season before he heads back to Australia alone. Susan and the kids will spend summer at Kennisis Lake before they take a very, very long trip home: London, Edinburgh, Dublin and Greece to visit friends and Thailand just for fun. Twenty-nine thousand, six hundred kilometres.

But Carson already knows he's coming back. "I'm going to go to university here," he announces. Turns out you can take the parents out of Canada but you can't take the Canadian out of their children.

P.S. Barbara Joy Peel knows Freyja wasn't in class that day because the school had phoned her as their initial contact. The Echo knew Erin's last name because Erin's mother used to work at the Echo and the Morgan twins helped Erin deliver

County Life to stores in Haliburton in the summer.



The MacDonald family is spending time away from Australia in the Haliburton Highlands, where hockey is plentiful and everyone knows why you're not in school. They include Randy, Susan and their children Freyja, Carson and Dakota, the youngest.

Rotary auction a fun way to support community projects

Every year the Haliburton Rotary Club donates thousands of dollars to community organizations.

Where does the money come from?

The upcoming Rotary auction on February 11 is one of the biggest fundraisers for the club. A dinner at the Delta Pinestone Resort is followed by a fun and entertaining live auction.

The entire community can participate by either coming to the dinner or donating an item for the auction.

The evening starts at 6 p.m. in the ballroom with cocktails and a viewing of all the donated items. The list of items to bid on includes tickets for a Maple Leafs

hockey game and an HP colour scanner and printer.

There will be a silent auction for some items during the dinner, and the live auction takes place as guests enjoy their dessert.

The cost is \$35 per person for the dinner and an auction paddle or \$10 per person for dessert and an auction paddle.

RSVPs are appreciated. Please call Brian and Dorothy Menton at 447-9961 to reserve a ticket.

Meanwhile, donated items can be dropped off at Henwoods Variety and Varty Jewellery.

Some trimming is done to county budget

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something extra with gas tax," said Harrison. "It just doesn't seem like good business planning to use it [for the budget shortfall]. If we use the gas money for that we're not going to get ahead."

There is also an unresolved issue in the Department of Economic Development and Marketing. Council didn't seem enthusiastic about Director Robert Smith's request to hire a third full-time position to help handle tourism, something he says he needs in order to focus on economic development.

"That's what is currently suffering," said Smith. "We're not talking to enough businesses."

Smith did offer minor cuts to this department in the amount of \$15,000.

Councillors tried to chip away at the \$3-million gap by putting every detail

under a microscope.

The 911 department cut \$8,000 off its budget by deciding to print its updated atlas in black and white instead of colour. A \$15,000 grant increase request from Trails and Tours was denied. The annual \$5,000 grant to Fleming College was cancelled. However, these minor savings made little impact on the overall tax picture and are still not set in stone.

As it stands now, ratepayers are looking at about a 2.5 per cent increase in the tax rate. But in real terms the increase would be 30 to 40 per cent when some of the recent property assessment increases are factored in. Warden Murray Fearrey does not want residents to suffer unfairly and has not ruled out borrowing money to meet the budget shortfall.

The county budget will likely be approved in principle next month.



DARREN LUM/ECHO

Rotary auctioneer Mike Jaycock and auction chairman Robert DenBoer display some of the items that are going to be auctioned off to raise money for community projects. Donated items are still welcome.

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Papers have different markets

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so-called "advertorials" throughout the year, whereas the *Star* has a stricter division between advertising and editorial content.

CAO Jim Wilson said it is important to maintain the marketing momentum it has built up with the *Sun* readership.

"With any type of media campaign, you have to be in it for the long term."

Some local businesses forked out their own money to piggyback on the advertising pages the county occupies. The Bonnie View Inn, a resort on Lake Kashagawigamog, has independently advertised for years with both Toronto papers. Last year, it hitched its advertising with the county.

"I don't know if it increased business but I think it's made people more aware we're in Haliburton. Before that happened, I would get calls from people who thought we were near Niagara Falls," says owner Andrea Hagarty. Bonnie View was recently voted third best resort in Ontario by *Sun* readers.

However, despite what readership demographics suggest, Hagarty says there is definitely a difference in the kind of clients the two papers attract. (Hagarty keeps a record of how each client discovered her resort). In her experience, the *Sun* readership gravitates toward shorter, discount stays in the wintertime. The *Star* readership leans toward longer, more expensive summer getaways.

"There is a 100 per cent difference," says Hagarty, adding advertising with both papers has expanded her market.

The variation may lie behind the statistics. While the demographics reveal little difference in readers who make more than \$75,000, the survey reveals no infor-

mation about the percentage of readers who make upwards of six figures. There is also a distinction between what is called readership (how many people read a paper) and circulation (how many pay for the newspaper).

Scott de Savoye, who manages the Delta Pinestone Resort and is also president of Haliburton Tourism, says his experience has also shown a marked difference in the respective markets.

"The *Sun* and *Star* are both good papers but it really depends on what market you are targeting," says de Savoye. "If you're looking for medium to upper income, it's the *Star*. If you're looking at medium to lower income then you're looking at the *Sun*. There's no big scoop there."

De Savoye, who says both markets are valuable for business, is more concerned about the need to run advertisements that are what he describes as a "call to action". In other words, instead of ads that promote the county at large, de Savoye wants ads that promote a specific event so that tangible results can be analyzed.

"The advertisements they have been running have typically been very generic," says de Savoye. "It's just a banner that has a website you can go to. You can't track the success of running an ad like that."

The county says the purpose of the weekly adverts is only to get people into the county; where tourists go from there is the responsibility of the business community. Smith also says that the occasional "advertorials" do mention certain events. For example, the Trails and Tours Network reportedly experienced a 100 per cent increase in visits to its website after the *Toronto Sun* featured the Hike Haliburton Festival last fall

Hyland Taxi responds to council's complaints about downtown parking

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The owner of Hyland Taxi feels he was wrongly chastised by Dysart council for not coming up with a plan to address complaints about taxis parked on Haliburton's main street.

Marty Grant says he submitted his written proposal on January 9, the same day as the council meeting. During the meeting councillors said they were disappointed in his lack of co-operation.

Grant says that council asked him to come up with the ideas in November, which is the beginning of one of his busiest seasons. He didn't have time to write his letter until after the Christmas holidays.

"I'm being penalized for being busy," he says. "It's not like I didn't try."

In his response, Grant suggests designating three parking spots on main street for taxis: one in front of the CIBC,

one in front of the Bank of Montreal and the third in front of Henwoods Variety.

The spaces would be available for either Grumpy's Taxi or Hyland Taxi on a first-come, first-wait business.

He would guarantee that any of his other taxis would be parked down by Head Lake park if all three spaces were filled.

"You have to serve the public," Grant says in support of his argument that taxis should be allowed to park on main street while they wait for customers. "There has to be a cab on the street."

He notes that if a taxi is parked in front of CIBC, customers who may have been drinking at McKeck's Place will be less inclined to drive home.

He also notes that by providing taxi service, his business is helping free up parking spaces. For instance, senior residents at Echo Hills apartments who own cars will often take a taxi rather than have to find a parking space.

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In the case of the county deciding to once again put most of its marketing advertising dollars into the *Toronto Sun*, one has to wonder if this is the most prudent way to spread the word about the Highlands.

echo editorial

martha perkins

Last year's marketing campaign in the *Sun* was highly effective for some local businesses. To go with the county's banner ad at the bottom of the travel pages, the *Sun* supplied several "advertorials," stories about local events and, in some cases, businesses. Hits to the county's website went up by 75 per cent.

But do all businesses in the Highlands appeal to the *Sun's* readership? The *Sun* may offer the biggest bang for the county's advertising buck when compared to the *Toronto Star*, which doesn't have the same commitment to advertorials, but that's of cold comfort to those local businesses who don't benefit from ads in the *Sun*.

Rather than just see this as an argument about whether it's best to advertise in the *Sun* or the *Star*, the county also has to consider other ways to market the county. In the summer the *Echo* received an e-mail from a reader with an extensive background in public relations. He suggested a marketing campaign which included sending out press releases, enhancing the county's photo archive and establishing contact with other, larger marketing initiatives. He sent his proposal to the county and didn't get a reply. Had the county already made its mind up about how to spend the marketing dollars?

Last year, when David Page was awarded the contract to spend \$50,000 advertising in the *Toronto Sun* and updating the county's website, he was responding to a tender for the job. This year there was no tender. The money was simply given to him again. Is there really only one way to market Haliburton County?

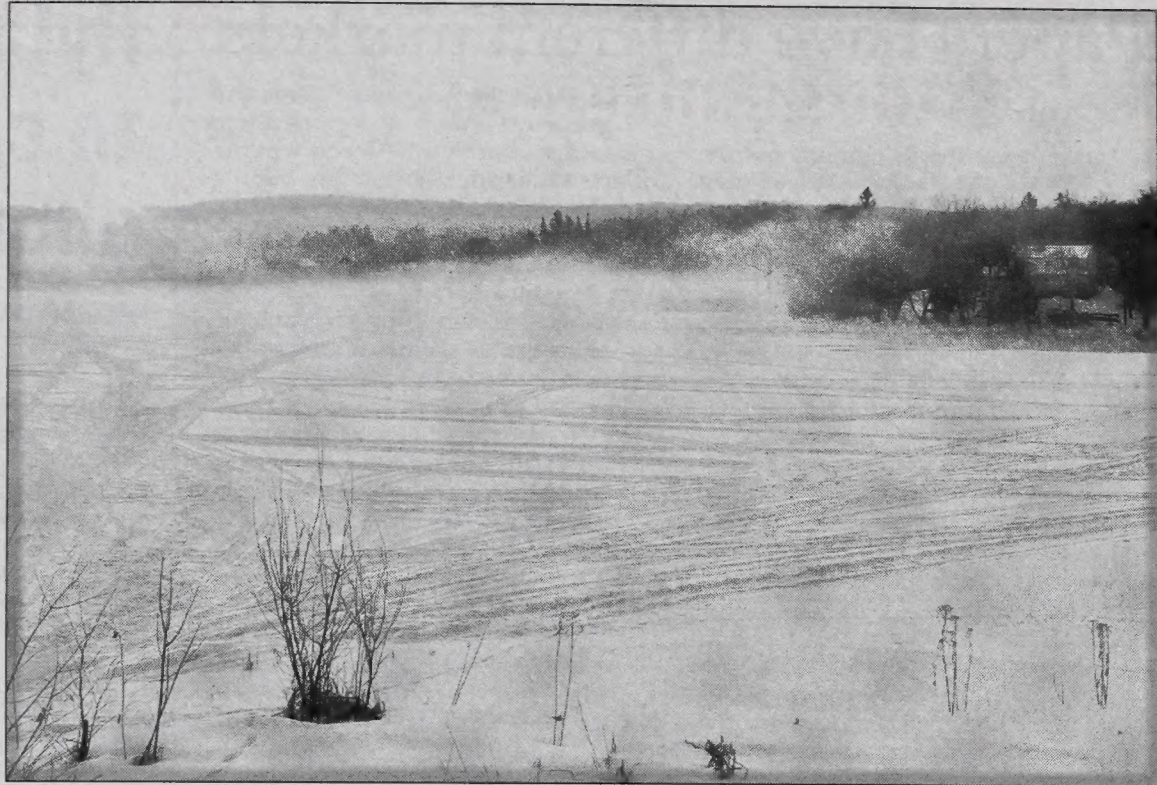
Thinking of Rosy

Back in the 1980s, people applauded the province's decision to shut down many of its institutions for the intellectually disabled. Some of the people who moved to the Highlands from these institutions told horror stories about what life there had been like. Now they thrive in a community setting, getting the respect and the dignity they deserve.

Twenty years later there are still about 1,000 adults living in institutions, a harsh sounding word to describe what has been their home for most of their lives. When the province announced it was closing these centres, families banded together to protest. Last week, they lost their bid to keep the centres open. As compensation, however, the courts ruled that families must be involved with finding new homes for their children.

These families, including Delores and Glen Blair of Loon Lake, weren't arguing to keep their children "locked up". Instead, they knew that their children were getting a high level of care at places like the Huronia Regional Centre, care that smaller communities couldn't afford to provide. Their children have high needs, especially medical needs, and Huronia was perfectly suited to them. They were happy.

The province must now prove that it is closing these centres for the well-being of the residents, not just as a way to reduce those high costs.



Making tracks

Photo by DARREN LUM/ECHO

Mushrooms

This year, for perhaps the first time ever, I'm actually prepared for the onset of spring. My waders are patched, I've practically got all my flies tied, my trolling rig and turkey hunting gear are in order, and, as if all that isn't dangerous enough, I'm studying mushroom identification.

Of all of these, the last is most thrilling to me. Becoming a mushroom hunter has been a lifelong dream of mine. You've got to admit there's a certain mystique to it. Even now, I can envision walking into a saloon in some out of the way ghost town and hearing someone whisper, "That's Puffballs Galea, the best mushroom hunter there ever was."

I'd just tip my cap and walk bow-legged over to the bar. Talk about a life of romance and adventure.

Oh, I'm not saying that it would be a life without risk but that, of course, is part of the allure. It's you, your field guide, and several trusting assistants against nature.

I'll do this right. While other mushroom hunters might be of low morel standards, I will endeavour to be considerate to my assistants, even going so far as to occasionally pay them short visits while they are in hospital.

Yes, I can hardly wait to roam the open countryside this spring stalking the wily mushroom in the damp spring woods.

If all goes well, I might even set up a trophy room where I'll display mushrooms collected from some of my more memorable hunts. I'll spend a lot of time trying to photograph them but only if I can get them to hold still, which if you eat the wrong kind of mushrooms, will be harder than it sounds.

Maybe I'll even start guiding people so

they can collect their own trophies. We'll do shore lunches and I'll have a policy where "If you get sick or die, the next trip is free." Okay, so I might have to work a bit

on my marketing, but I think you get the idea. It's all about being progressive and meeting the needs of your customers.

The great part is, most of my field guides warn you that there are thousands of types of mushrooms in North America and only about 600 or so listed in most identification guides. So, every time you eat a new type of mushroom, it's a crap shoot. Okay, bad choice of words but you understand. We mushroom hunters are still pioneers.

It's a pastime of dangerous uncertainties. For instance, they say if you eat a new mushroom and you feel sick three to four hours later, you're only going to suffer through a period of agonizing discomfort.

But if the pain comes eight hours later, you're probably only causing serious damage to vital organs. This might sound bad until you consider that either way it beats golf.

Is it any wonder that I'm looking forward to springtime? Ice fishing is fun for a while but then it just becomes the same old thing all the time. Drill holes, sit on a pail, jig with minnows. Aside from hooking yourself or punching through bad ice, there's hardly any element of danger and adventure at all.

Even my ice fishing buddy is getting me down a little. He is so serious about actually catching fish. He hardly even laughs anymore.

That's why I'm looking forward to spring so I can spend some time with a fungi.

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ALTHOUGH THE CALENDAR said it was January, the thermometer said it was March. As Sylvia helped her grandson Sam get dressed for a walk downtown, she was uncertain what the two of them should wear. Outside, the sun sparkled off her bare deck, winking through the naked tree branches and smiling around the busy bird feeders. When Sylvia and Sam ventured through the door, they were greeted by warm air and a gentle breeze.

The unnaturally mild winter weather made a walk to the vil-

lage shops a pleasant, if somewhat soggy, undertaking. With Sylvia's little dog Chester in tow, the three of them set out, with Sam setting the pace. As they carefully picked their way down the slushy side of the road, motorists slowed down to avoid spraying them. A blue pickup honked and waved at the little group. Sylvia raised her arm to return the greeting.

"Who was that, Nanna?" asked Sam, turning his head to follow the truck behind them. Sylvia



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explained it was someone she knew from work and they continued on their way. An older woman was busily working her shovel, trying to achieve the barest driveway in town in the shortest period of time. When she saw Sylvia's dog, she stopped and greeted all three of them.

"Who was that lady?" asked Sam. Sylvia told him her name and said she used to live near Sylvia's old house and had had a whole bunch of dogs. Now she lived in town, had no dogs, and shovelled her driveway every morning.

At the bottom of the hill, they stopped, as was their habit, to look at the Drag River as it meandered around embankments, and past pine trees before funneling under one of several bridges on its journey to Head Lake. Sam noted there was neither a beaver nor ducks in sight today and they proceeded on their way. But not before almost bumping into a tall young woman with arresting eyes. She and Sylvia did the typically Canadian habit of both excusing themselves profusely and carried on.

"Who was that teenager," came Sam's expected question, to which Sylvia reminded him she was the person who sometimes helped out his mom in the summer. This sparked his memory and he yelled out a loud goodbye, adding her name. She turned and waved at him, smiling ear to ear. Sam's chest seemed to puff slightly under his winter jacket.

As they waited for the light to change so they could cross the street, they looked around at the busy Saturday activity. People bunched in small groups, some by the bank machine, others also waiting to cross. Cars and trucks edged through the thick slush, not yet beaten down by traffic and sunshine. A car rounding the corner slowed while a window eased down. A small face accompanied by a small hand waved frantically, calling Sam's name. Surprised, he looked up, hesitated and then waved back. It was Sam's friend from school, the boy he liked to play chase with in the yard at recess.

Already people were filling up the sidewalks, not crowded by city standards but busy enough to create challenges for a curious dog and a distractible four-year-old.

The first stop was the bakery, with Chester tied and protesting outside while Sam and Sylvia went in. As usual, Sam was greeted by name by the shop owner and two cookies were tucked into the bag along with the usual purchases of bread and cheese. While Sam gazed in wonder at the squares and tarts, Sylvia and the baker briefly touched on the recent election. They had different political loyalties, but both enjoyed trying to win the other over.

Then it was on to the hardware store, a place Chester could enter as long as Sylvia carried him. They bumped into Sam's teacher over by the birdhouses. Sam, his eyes big at seeing her outside the classroom, shyly returned her hello.

After adding the last purchases to Sylvia's backpack, it was time to start back up the hill to her house. By now Chester and Sam had less spring in their steps, the slush weighing down their feet. Sylvia knew they would have both jumped at an offer to be carried the rest of the way. But they trudged on. They were almost at the top of the hill when Sylvia's cousin pulled over and offered them a lift. She turned him down with thanks, saying they were almost home. After the car had continued on, Sam told Sylvia with a sigh that while he knew it was good to walk, he would have liked a ride. She thanked him for his honesty and said she'd make them both hot chocolate when they arrived at her place.

This news had no effect on Chester but seemed to give Sam an energy boost. Grabbing Chester's leash again, he began running the remaining half-block, practically dragging poor Chester along with him. Climbing the steps to her front door, Sylvia saw her optometrist, out for his daily run, trying to avoid the deep wet furrows on the side of the road. He called out a hardy hello before returning his gaze to the ground ahead of him. Sam said he wished he knew as many people as she did. With a smile, Sylvia told him he will probably know even more by the time he is a finished school.



pic of the past

Zion United Church in Carnarvon certainly seemed like a country church back in the 1940s when this photo was taken. Highway 35 was just becoming a major route north for cottagers who were buying Crown land put up for sale by the province. The church soon grew along with the community, adding the Christian Education Centre. The photo is courtesy www.stanhopemuseum.on.ca

letters to the editor

Some thoughts on Highlands life

To the Editor:

So many thoughts, so many possible letters that could be written lead me to not write any of them, but to instead generate a clip for the gist of each thought.

- We should all be proud of the apparent selection in our riding of political candidates recently. Bryn Weese's reporting appeared to indicate a preference for a more adversarial situation, but it seems that if we could send all four candidates as "our team" to Ottawa they would do us proud. Congratulations to Barry Devolin as the winner. He has been sincere in his efforts and worked hard to represent what he sees as needs in his riding and country. However, all candidates appeared to be winners as people and we are fortunate to have such a choice and such a display of positive non-adversarial behaviour towards each other. This is Haliburton County and that is what we expect and deserve!

- Wintertime and not much snow. Of course one only has to park on the main street of Haliburton to experience that any snow is too much snow for the village. How disgusting to open one's vehicle door (if possible) and have to billy-goat it over the snow bank onto the side-

walk. Grace Boice wrote to the paper last week thanking various caring people for helping her over the snow banks. There should be no snow banks! Shame on those who control this situation. This was hashed over in the paper last year and the excuses given were unacceptable. If there is a reasonable reason why Minden can have clean streets daily and Haliburton can't, then we all deserve to know why. (Hydro pole blaming, union bashing, etc. does not help find a solution.) Haliburton Village needs to hold itself to a higher standard.

- Have you ever heard complaints about local service, etc.? Well, it seems to me that for every concern, there probably are many more examples of impressive service. Unfortunately, these often go unnoticed or unmentioned. Wouldn't it be great if there was an easy way to highlight some of these efforts? For example, how many of us think of grocery shopping as a chore? But, at Dollo's IGA, Paul (produce) and Dave (meat) bring new meaning to positive and approachable. I call it the B.K. standard. (Many years ago when Bill Kulas was at the Value Mart in Minden, he made shopping something to look forward to.)

See *Newspaper* page 8

Goodbye, Liberal government, and good riddance

To the Editor:

I'm thrilled to see that Paul Martin and his cronies, who rammed same-sex marriage down the throats of Canadians, has been defeated.

So long, good bye, it hasn't been good to know you.

Dave Switzer,
West Guilford

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Downloading causes tax hike

To the Editor:

The new property assessments gave us all something to think about and be upset about, didn't they? I, for one, tried to find the reason why suddenly it went that high.

Well, the answer was not that difficult to see. Yes, it was in part due to the increase in the property values but there is something more hidden behind it. First we have to acknowledge the fact that our former federal government, for whatever the reason, drastically cut the transfer payments to the provincial governments, thus causing huge financial shortage for our medicare. The provincial government needed to find the necessary money somewhere and where else to go than down to

our municipalities? The easiest way was to "download" some of the services that the province was providing, like roads and highway maintenance. Easily said and done! Now the municipalities have got the hot potato.

After having the municipalities complain of not having enough financial resources for all the downloaded services, the provincial government found a very sneaky solution. They sent out new hefty assessments, thus giving the municipalities a reason to raise our property taxes to cover all those downloaded services. So we, the taxpayers, are to foot the corruption bill now!

Thank you Mr. Martin and Mr. McGuinty! You made our day!

Milan Frybort
Essonville

Newspaper could share a compliment or two

from page 1

Next question, have you ever seen a wonder woman in action? You might have your own examples, but mine can be found at Easton's Valu Mart. Yes, it could be Lynda, but in this case it is Pat. And while you are there at the Valu Mart, enjoy the upbeat atmosphere created by Don. (He is for sure a B.K gold standard.) There are many examples of service and people who

deserve to be highlighted. Maybe our newspaper could have a space where people can compliment others. That way readers may be more inclined to drop a line or phone a compliment in to the paper. What do you think editor and readers?

Bernie Davis
Minden



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Give us back our South Wilberforce Rd.

The following letter was first sent to Murray Fearrey, warden of Haliburton County.

Dear Mr. Warden:

Our association is based at Lake Wilbermere and the southern boundary of our lake is the historical community of South Wilberforce. This community is listed on many provincial and national maps as a historical community.

Our association wishes to bring to your attention certain issues relating to the naming of roads in our area. The road at the western edge of the lake has traditionally been known as South Wilberforce Road. Recently the county has seen fit to change the name of this road to Wilberforce Road. I understand that due to amalgamation there were roads in the county that had similar names and the rationale for changing the name of the roads is to avoid confusion for emergency services and the general public who may be unfamiliar with local areas. There have been repeated requests by individuals in our community to leave the name of the road as South Wilberforce Road.

Our association has a number of objections to the name change.

1. The name South Wilberforce Rd. is so well known locally that changing the name to Wilberforce Rd. has added to the confusion of residents, visitors and business people. On more than one occasion people have driven down the Wilberforce Rd. looking for the town of Wilberforce.

Large transport trucks have travelled down the Wilberforce Road expecting to find the Town of Wilberforce and have come to the dead end (due to the bridge closure). As there is no place to turn around they have had to backup on the road. This creates an extremely hazardous situation not only for transports but for anybody else attempting to use the road.

2. Many residents still refer to this road as South Wilberforce Road which may create confusion for emergency services.

3. Established circa 1865, there are still many descendants of the first settlers of South Wilberforce who reside there, both permanently and seasonally. The name South Wilberforce Road provides a valuable heritage link to the past.

In conclusion the Lake Wilbermere Land Owners Association respectfully requests that the road presently named Wilberforce Road be changed back to its historically correct name of South Wilberforce Road due to the reasons outlined above.

Ted Clysdale, Secretary,
Lake Wilbermere Land Owners Association

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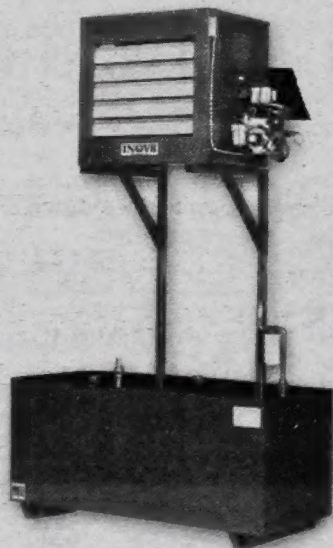
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Parents:
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Parents:
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Parents: Lisa Delisle & Ron Hall
big brother Robbie & big sister Allie



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Brayden Roger Billings
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SEPTEMBER 28, 2005
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Kaitlyn Allyna Gaulin
AUGUST 1, 2005
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Brody Alexander Prentice
SEPTEMBER 10, 2005
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Parents: Krista (Mitchell) & George South



Owen Michael Nicholls
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Top 100 baby names

In 2005, just two boy's names are new to the Top 100 list at Baby Center online: Ben at #97 and Drew at #100. As for girls, eight new names entered the top 100: Kyra debuts at #40, with Cadence, Camryn, Addison, Alana, Layla, Mckenna, and Lucy coming in lower in the list.

The BabyCenter Baby Names List is the largest private list available in the United States. The 2005 list reflects name data from more than 320,000 BabyCenter members. For more about BabyCenter, visit www.babycenter.com.

Girl Names

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Atoms win Storm's first Liftlock title

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Special to The Echo

Running from January 18 to 22 was the 48th annual Peterborough Atom Liftlock Hockey Tournament. It is the largest Atom tournament in the world with 100 teams participating in eight different divisions.

With a 6-2 victory in their final game the Highland Storm Atom Reps became the first Storm team to win a championship in this historic tournament. They now have secured their names in the Peterborough Liftlock record books along with NHL greats Steve Larmer, Wayne Gretzky, Gary Roberts, Eric Lindros, Scott Stevens, Todd Bertuzzi, Tie Domi and many more pros who played in this great tournament as kids.

In the three-game round robin the mighty Storm won their pool by defeating the Douro Dukes 8-1, the Bancroft Jets 10-2 and the Leaside Flames 11-0.

The real test came on Sunday morning in the semi-finals against the red-hot Wasaga Stars.

Midway through the first period Storm defenceman Ben Hicks hauled down a Star forward who was on a partial break. Ben got two minutes in the hoosegow for the infraction but it saved a scoring chance. (Good penalty). In the ensuing powerplay the Stars were trying to head man the puck when Storm penalty killer Jordan Howe picked off a pass and took it deep around the Stars net. Nicky Hunter, the other Storm penalty-killing forward, pinched into the slot and when Jordan fed him the puck Nicky blasted a one timer past the Wasaga goalie.

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The Peterborough Liftlock Tournament is one of the most prestigious hockey events a team can enter - and win. The Highland Storm Atoms managed to pull off this feat with a 6-2 in the DD Division championship game.

Unlike the new NHL there were lots of good, clean, Canadian body checks thrown in the game. Storm winger Kris Calvert caught one of the Stars' identical twin towers, "the Riley brothers", either Pat or Nick, with his head down and sat him on his can with a textbook open ice body check. (Sweet.)

Early in the second Mike Nelson and Ben Hicks combined on setting up Tanner Ballantyne for a breakaway and the little sniper roofed one high to the stick side to put the Storm up 2-0.

The Storm's two-goal lead was cut as halfway through the third period Wasaga's #14 Eric Foster bolted for the net with Storm defencemen Zach Boice and Mike Nelson on his tail. Zach the "hammer" took Eric, Mike, Mitch the goalie and the puck into the Storm net resulting in a huge tossed salad of players and a goal for the Stars. (Awesome try.) The savvy Wasaga coaching staff under coach Cory Riley (formerly a Haliburtonian) snuck a cherry picker in behind the Storm defence resulting in a clear-cut breakaway but Mitch "the Moose" Byers stood tall in the Storm cage stoning the green attacker to a thunderous roar from the navy blue fan club.

With a slim one-goal lead the Storm fans turned it up a notch, cheering to

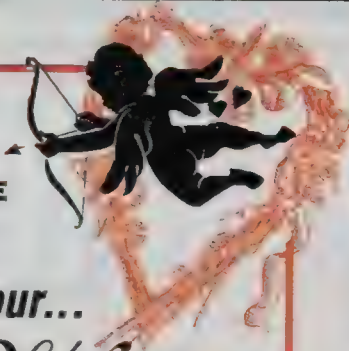
spur on the team. It must have worked as the Storm were all over the Stars, hemming them in their own zone for the final minutes of regulation play so they couldn't pull their goalie for an extra attacker. The game-ending buzzer signalled and there was a semi-automatic spray of sticks and gloves - the Storm boys were headed for the big show.

The whole team stopped at Tim Hortons on their way from the Douro arena to the Memorial Centre, home of the Peterborough Petes. When the team was dressed and ready to rock, Coach Dean Chaulk gathered them into a tight circle and with gloves in the centre they screamed their chant.

With the lights dimmed low in this

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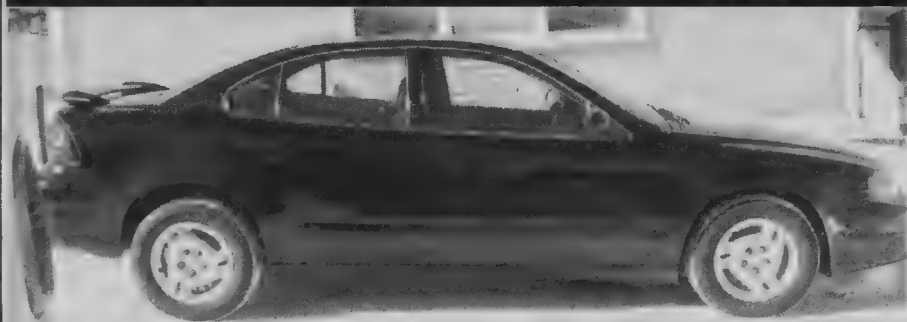


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Getting introduced one by one in historic arena a thrill of a lifetime

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spectacular historic hockey arena, the Highland Storm Atoms were introduced one at a time under the spotlight as they skated out to the blue line just like an NHL All-star game. Surely there were tears of pride and lumps in throats for the parents of these 10-year-old athletes.

From the opening puck drop it was obvious that the Storm team would not be denied. Twenty-four seconds into the championship game the Campbellford

Colts were shocked when Jordy Howe (sound familiar?) scored to put the Storm up 1-0. Jordan would cash in two more goals for the trick with Tanner Ballantyne, Jacob Harrison and Nicky Hunter adding singles. Storm assists came from Donovan MacInnes, Tanner Hamilton, Taylor Rowbotham, Stewart Chaulk, Drew Hewitt, Zach Boice, Ben Hicks, Mike Nelson and Kris Calvert.

The Colts could only manage to squeak a couple by Mitch Byers as he shut the

door on the ponies to seal the deal, 6-2.

In a post-game interview with the *Peterborough Examiner* Coach Chaulk was asked, "What was the key to victory?" Coach Chaulk quickly replied, "There were 14 keys and every player on the team contributed through out the five victories, including the championship." Storm parents overheard some Peterborough AAA coaches watching the championship game saying that the little Storm team passed the puck around bet-

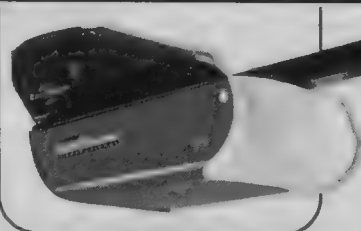
ter than their AAA team. This is gratifying for everyone involved with our team - parents, grandparents, siblings and coaching staff.

Coach Chaulk expressed to the boys how very proud he was of his team for their unselfish team play and hard work. "Great job."

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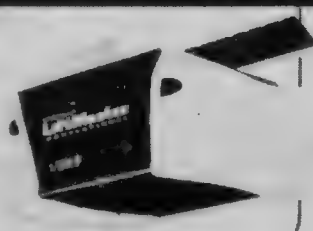
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Midget AE polish off first-round opponents

The C.R.S./Rodco Enterprise Midgets finished off the Campbellford Colts Friday night at S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden by winning the series three games to none. Josh Townsend had the puck on a net this night. He scored a hat trick in automatic fashion by beating the defence, scoring his third goal shorthanded. Assists on the goals went to Billy Kulas (D), John Murray and Jessee Tallman. The Storm lads played discipline enough to take only four penalties after three periods, and went into the break with a 3 - 0 lead. J.D. Crowe was solid in the nets, and made a highlight reel dive

to save a goal in the second period. Andy Donaldson scored twice early in the third period to nail the coffin closed on the Colts. Assists went to Matt Clements, Adam Gough, and Josh Townsend. The boys from Campbellford started to be uncontrollable, but with good puck movement from the likes of Todd Simms, and "give a hit and keep your feet moving" from Robert Chapman the boys kept their cool and skated away with a 5 - 1 win.

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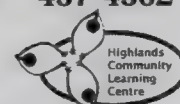
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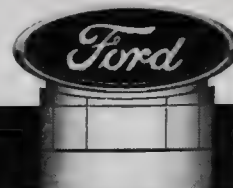
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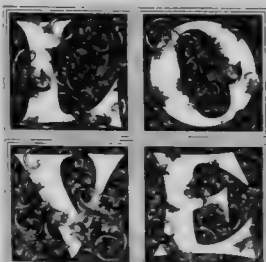
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Province must consult Blairs over move

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guess," she says.

The Blairs had been part of a coalition of parents who believe that the three institutions, including Huronia, offer the best living arrangements for their children. For instance, Huronia has on staff a variety of medical professionals such as a doctor, dentist, a speech therapist and a physiotherapist. It even has a pool and a private beach.

Will Rosy be able to get the same level of care if she's moved to Haliburton?

Maureen O'Hara, the executive director of Community Care Haliburton County, says, "Absolutely."

She says that as people move out of the facilities, money that was being spent on their care is being funneled to the communities which are their new homes. The province is following through on its promise to ensure that the communities have the resources they need to meet the residents' needs.

Rosy has phenylketonuria (PKU), a genetic glitch that leads to retardation if undetected in early infancy. The metabolic disorder occurs when phenylalanine, a natural building block of protein, abnormally amasses in the bloodstream. Infants appear normal for the first few months of life but before their first year will have already incurred significant and irreversible brain damage. To detect PKU in time, a few drops of blood are pricked from the heel of newborns, a practice now carried out routinely in all hospitals.

The Blairs tried to care for Rosy at home in Haliburton but her violent outbursts and hyperactivity made it impossible for them to cope. On their doctor's advice, they moved Rosy into an institution. Huronia has now been home for Rosy for most of her 40 years.

Although the families lost their fight to keep Huronia open, their lawyer told the *Globe and Mail* that he is "content" with the ruling because it forces the government to get the families' consent before residents are moved.

"Families have the right to determine if a placement is in the best interest of the relative and if it's not suitable, they can say no and no means no," Doug Elliott said.

Associations such as Community Living are applaud-



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Glen and Delores Blair had joined the fight to keep the Huronia centre open. Now that the province won the right to close the Orillia facility, where their daughter Rosy lives, they want to make sure she gets the same level of service in her new home.

ing the court's decision to allow the province to close the three centres, which are home to about 1,000 adults with varying needs.

"We're pleased that the decision to close these institutions has been upheld," said Keith Powell, executive director of Community Living Ontario, in a press release. "Our society is moving on from segregated care to a model of natural, inclusive supports that considers and respects the individual as a citizen of the community."

"We are pleased with the court's decision," said Minister of Community and Social Services Sandra Pupatello in a separate press release. "The ruling confirms that the government is on the right track and we are confident that with careful planning with families, ministry staff, health professionals and community partners, facility residents can thrive in the community."

The Blairs are hesitant about sharing that confidence. Seven years ago they approached Community Living in Haliburton to see about moving Rosy here. At the time, its group home on Mountain Street wasn't secure enough. It would be too easy for Rosy to run out on the street and be hit by a car.

Another concern was how hyper Rosy was, although Mrs. Blair says new medication has made Rosy a much calmer person.

However, Rosy still reacts to any sign of change – and that can be as simple as her sister Margo McCrea using a different pair of scissors to cut her hair.

"We couldn't take her into a public washroom or she goes stir crazy," Delores Blair says. "If you take her into the dentist you have to put her right out."

That's why she's worried that if Rosy is moved to Haliburton, the village won't be able to provide the same level of care available at the Huronia Regional Centre.

"A lot of the families want as much for their kids as they get in Huronia," says Mrs. Blair. "As long as Rosy has a decent place to go to..."

O'Hara responds by saying the situation has changed since the Blairs last looked into moving Rosy to Haliburton. "Communities have changed, supports have changed," she says. "Look how far we've come and the opportunities we have."

"We're looking forward to moving ahead with this plan. They've already closed 13 facilities and these are the last three."

Originally, Rosy had been scheduled to leave Huronia this fall. The Blairs hope that the court ruling will make the government take more time to find a reasonable alternative for their daughter's living arrangements.

"We're getting up in age and it would nice to have this settled," says Mrs. Blair.

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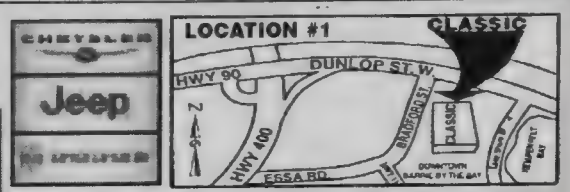
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The Moose Bar and Grill, located right beside the Inn, is a personal project of Henry's. He wants to make The Moose a destination for a night out. With weekly live entertainment such as YüK YüKs and live music, two fireplaces, a pool table and seven televisions, including two big screens, there is nothing comparable in the county. It's the perfect place to watch a game and with the upcoming Olympics, Henry is convinced the Moose provides the perfect atmosphere for watching Canadian athletes compete. He is also inviting micro-breweries such as Steamwhistle and Muskoka to join the lakeside bar. If you are hungry The Moose offers standard pub food and what Henry claims are "the best wings in Haliburton".



This time of year The Moose Bar and Grill is open Friday from seven p.m. to midnight, Saturday 11:30 a.m. to midnight and Sunday from noon until four p.m.

If customers are looking for something more sophisticated the main dining room at the Wigamog Inn is open for lunch between noon and two p.m. with lunch entrées starting from \$6.95. Dinner is served between six and 7:30 p.m. with entrées starting from \$16.95. Both menus change on a daily basis, offering customers four-course or a la carte options all at affordable prices. The main bar has created a lounge atmosphere, the perfect place to sit and sip a martini before dinner. Imagine beginning your lakeside meal with bacon wrapped sea scallops with a tequila lime beurre. Follow with herb-crusted roast Cornish game hen finished with natural jus and wild blueberries with red vermouth. Tempting, isn't it? A vegetarian menu is always available. As well, a buffet breakfast is available on both Friday and Saturday between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday for the reasonable price of \$10.95.

The Inn will be offering wine-maker dinners in February and March. Each evening will focus on an Ontario winery. The maker will give a talk and the featured wine will be paired with food prepared by Chef James Jennings. "We can make a birthday or anniversary memorable by preparing a special dessert. I personally like to go to tables and congratulate customers on their special occasion," says Henry.

If you need more room Henry is quick to point out that Wigamog's banquet facilities for special events can accommodate anywhere from 20 to 150 people. A lunch, snack or meal tailored to your requirements can easily be prepared.

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That's how Olympic bronze medalist Clay Ives tackles the luge hill and his life

Story, photos by Martha Perkins

The young athlete was obviously nervous. All of his practice slides down the Lake Placid luge track had been crisp and clean but when it came time to qualify for the Canadian Olympic team, he was a mess. If he didn't do better on his second run, he'd be packing his bags – but not for Turin.

"What's bothering you," assistant coach Clay Ives asked him.

There was a litany of responses. How would the luger's parents feel if he didn't make Canada's Olympic team after all those years of practice and sacrifice? What if he hurt himself hurtling down a kilometre-long iced track at speeds reaching upwards of 156 kilometres an hour? What if someone else was two seconds faster?

First of all, Ives responded, your family will love you and support you no matter what happens. Secondly, no one has ever died on a luge course. (Actually, that wasn't exactly true; no one had died on the Lake Placid course. But what the young luger didn't know about anywhere else wouldn't scare him.) Thirdly, you can only do your best and not worry about the others.

Then Ives gave him some advice. Admit you're scared; everyone else is scared, too. Turn off the television. Don't watch the other racers. Turn on your iPod, close your eyes, listen to your favourite music and imagine yourself making the perfect run down the course, picturing every turn, every problem spot. Don't stop doing this until I tap you on the shoulder and tell you that it's time to go.

Perhaps because of Ives' calm demeanour, or perhaps because Ives had competed in luge events in three Olympics, the young man did as he was told. And in a few weeks he'll be wearing a Canadian jersey in the 2006 Winter Olympics.

Clay Ives was 15 when his parents told him and his three brothers that hockey was putting too much pressure on the family's financial resources. They'd have to pay for it themselves or quit. To soften the blow, Paul Ives told his kids that he'd cut down trees on the steep hill at the back of their house just outside of Bancroft to make a natural luge course.

Almost overnight, Clay's dreams of the NHL were surpassed by a new goal: to compete in the luge in the Olympics.

Two years later, Clay moved to Calgary to begin training on the artificial course.

"My philosophy was more was better," he says in an interview a few days before leaving for Turin with the Canadian luge team. "I lifted more weights than anyone else, did more runs than anyone else. I was either going to go 100 per cent or nothing at all."

His mother Linda is amazed by how focused her son can be. "It's a spectacular wonder to watch," she says.

A short time later he made the junior national team and he competed in his first Olympics in Lillehammer in 1994 at the age of 22. He and his partner came eighth in the doubles and when his partner retired, Ives made the switch to singles.

In the 1998 Olympics in Nagano, Ives had the fastest start in the world and yet he came in 15th. Why?

The answer was beneath him. "I was still racing on a sled built in 1988; Americans had a new sled every year. I knew that I had the skills to win but I needed the tools," he says.

The choice was a difficult one. He could either spend the next four years putting the rest of his life on hold only to be 15th at the 2002 Winter Games or he could jump ship and race for America. His mother Linda had grown up in Arizona and she had given her five children American citizenship in case it would come in handy one day. That one day was now.

The headlines in Calgary, where Ives had been based, vilified him. After Canada had invested all those years of training on the young athlete, he was bailing on the team and his country.

By this time, however, Ives had had to visit the Calgary food bank twice in order to feed himself. (The irony hadn't escaped him when Sports Canada announced it



Clay Ives is at one with the hill. After competing in three Olympics, his bosses at HydroOne are giving the bronze medallist time off to help coach the Canadian luge team at the Turin Olympics. Photo, Martha Perkins.

Americans happy to support athletes

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had hired a nutritionist to help athletes eat their way to success. How would that help him on a food bank's steady diet of pasta? He had worked as a stone mason to pay his bills until he worried himself out of a job: Sports Canada says an athlete can't get any funding if they have a lifestyle that's not conducive to training. The heavy lifting that was required to be a stone mason was good for strength training but the risk of injury was too high. Sports Canada was paying him, the eighth fastest luger in the world, only \$550 a month and Ives was too poor to risk losing it. He got a job as a security guard instead. Still, he owed Sports Canada nearly \$15,000 for his half-share of his travelling expenses to competitions.

The United States was offering him much more – at a sporting price. If Ives could win the American men's luge



Clay Ives is at the Olympics but this time it's as an assistant coach for the Canadian luge team. The Olympic bronze medallist is grateful that HydroOne is giving him the time off to be a calming influence on the very young team. Photo, Martha Perkins.

title and place in the top five in two World Cup events by Christmas, his every need would be paid for. He wanted a hamburger after a race in Innsbruck? Just keep the receipt. Flights, a new sled, excellent training facilities in

Salt Lake City? Paid for. Need laser eye surgery? It's yours. They linked him to seven adopt-an-athlete sponsors which paid for his room and board and travel. One of his sponsors was Verizon, which paid him to give motivational talks to students in inner city schools (and contributed \$2.7 million to the American luge team compared to the Canadian Luge Association's total budget of \$200,000 a year.)

As a result, in the 2002 Winter Olympics Ives was standing on the bronze medal podium, clutching his roses and crying while listening to the American anthem being played. He and his partner Chris Thorpe had been four-thousandths of a second behind the silver winners and four-hundredths of a second – 10 centimetres on a 1,000 metre course – behind the athletes wearing the gold medals.

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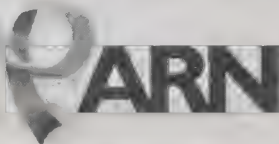
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Oddly enough, 15 years after going down the luge hill in Bancroft for the first time, the moment was anti-climatic.

"I thought there was more to it," he says today. "Four years later it's hard to remember that day. Now the medal sits on top of the sweater drawer in the bedroom. What do you do with it?"

Ah, that's where the Olympic dream meets feeding-your-family reality. Ives was 30 years old with no college education, no job and a medal worth \$200. He had married his Bancroft sweetheart, Tammy Franksy, and they wanted a family. (Today they have a son Rowan, who's three, and a daughter Elyse, who's 17 months.)

Luckily, Tammy's father works for HydroOne and he put in a good word for Clay. Three years ago, Clay started a four-year electrical forestry apprenticeship program with HydroOne. He's travelled the province but has been gladly based in Minden for the past two months. When the Echo caught up with him he was clearing brush from the lines at Glebe Park in Haliburton.

"I like my new life better," he says. "No regrets. I'm happy to have my wife, my kids and a pension."

He also appreciates that HydroOne is in effect contributing to the Canadian Olympic team by giving him the time off to be the luge team's assistant coach. He's already been to races in Italy and Lake Placid and on January 28 will move into

'You have to believe,' says local Olympian



In 2002 Clay Ives' hopes of winning a medal at the Nagano Olympics were boosted when he and his American luge doubles partner, Chris Thorpe, centre, won gold at the World Cup event in Winterburg, Germany.

the Olympic village in Turin with the two men's doubles teams, three men's singles athletes and three women's singles athletes, one of the youngest teams Canada has entered.

Ives sees his role as helping the team keep it simple. Ignore the extraneous stuff. Just race against yourself. If you do everything you have to you'll have a clean run.

What about the fear?

"When you're travelling at 154 kilometres an hour you always have to be a little bit afraid to stay sharp," he smiles. "It's a gravity sport and there are no brakes on a sled."

The 33-year-old points to his gray hair and attributes it to the stress of sliding down the steep track feet first. (As some-

one once asked, "When you're going that fast, how far behind you is your scream?")

As Canadians watch the Olympics on television, he wants them to be proud of the young men and women who are acting as Canada's ambassadors. He has little patience for the couch critics who complain about how few gold medals Canada brings home.

Although Sports Canada now pays these young athletes almost three times what he received, they've all had to put the rest of their lives on hold to be able to compete at such an elite level. There's been no doping scandal and they've pushed their skills to the limit. And for what?

For the pride they feel when they reach their goal.

The Olympics used to be about highest, fastest, strongest. Now, with sports such as curling as part of the Olympics, they're also about competition, fair play, work ethic, learning about different countries, and the human interest stories of athletes overcoming unfathomable odds.

His advice to the team and aspiring Olympians is simple. "You have to endure, you have to believe. Set a realistic goal and be satisfied with it and then set a new goal."

And what if one of his children looks at their father's medal sitting on top of the sweater drawer and wants one of their own? "I'll let them do it but I'll tell them they have to get an education first," he smiles.

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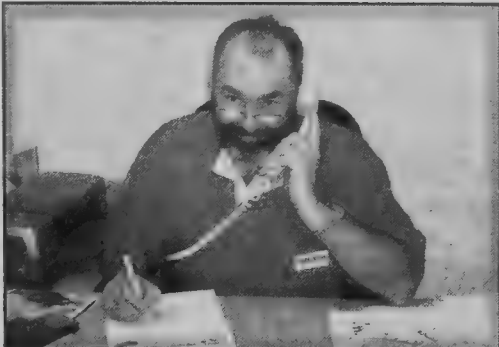
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Police volunteers busier than ever

Wilberforce association counts increase in number of calls

The Wilberforce and Area Police Volunteer Association (WAPVA) had a busy year as residents of Wilberforce and its surrounding area took increasing advantage of the fact that they have a volunteer police association.

The year started with a major problem involving its communications system, which was working at half the normal rate due to some changes made by the municipality. WAPVA had been told that there would be some changes to the system and that it all would be fully tested with all the bugs worked out before any final changes would take place. Changes were made before all the bugs were worked out and, as a result, the association was left for a period of two months without a fully operational communication system.

The overall activities log shows a sharp increase, with the number of calls up to 62.

This year members were kept extremely busy with numerous break-ins. Extra patrols had to be put in place for cottage roads. During regular WAPVA patrols, members are still finding places open and are making sure they get locked up and secured correctly. The annual cottage check has been completed and

members now are patrolling the back roads where possible, to make sure that they are kept safe and secure.

Association members, as always, assisted the fire department on a number of occasions by directing traffic at fires and accidents. The association also received some calls from the OPP for assistance as well as information that led to the arrest of two suspects.

On two occasions, WAPVA members were out looking for missing persons. One, in the Wilberforce area, was found by the police after eight hours and two elderly people missing from Harcourt Park for seven hours were found safe and sound and taken home by the members.

Members also found some stolen property including a jet-ski and a paddle boat. They also responded to a call regarding an ATV sitting in the bush. After checking it out it, members found that it was also stolen so the OPP was called. The ATV was returned to the rightful owners.

The annual roast beef dinner was a great success again this year and the association thanks all those who supported the association by attending.

As usual, members directed traffic and

provided security for Country Good Times as well as the ball tournament and dance in Harcourt, around the clock during the Agricultural Fair and during Hallowe'en trick or treating in both Wilberforce and Harcourt.

This year, members had to deal with numerous power outages, during which they had to go out and reset a lot of security systems. Members also kept an eye on the elderly at Maple View, where they checked on them every hour to make sure that they were okay. The outages created a secondary problem for the area, as there was no back-up power for the new communications system in case first-response services were needed for medical help, etc. The association had the emergency power going at the sub-office just in case, so people could drop in if needed. Maple View residents were told that they could come over if they wanted as there is no back up power at the apartment complex.

With the community's support and encouragement the association looks forward to serving the area in the next year to provide everyone with a safe and crime-free community.

Visit the association's website: www.wapva.org.

The following is the newly-elected executive for 2006: President John Goverde; Vice President Ed Otto; Treasurer Patricia Simiana; Secretary Alanna Angus Coles; Directors Pat Atkinson, Douglas Knox, Don Outram, Florence Wilson, Vic Poulin and Don Wilson.

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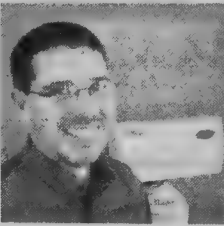


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Sunday brunch returns to Legion

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Gerald Irish

Your Sunday brunches return with their regular biweekly schedule starting this coming Sunday, Feb. 5. It will be good to get back into the routine and thus avoid confusion among our loyal customers.

Entertainment is continuing in the club room on Saturday nights and your entertainment chairman has arranged for an excellent group to play for your dancing pleasure on Feb. 12 in the auditorium. Tickets are on sale now in the club room so be sure to get yours and avoid being disappointed if they sell out. The Fabulous Arlingtons will be playing for your dancing pleasure and tickets are only \$12 each.

Nine of your 13 executive members attended a zone seminar in Minden on the 23rd of January. This was informative and greatly appreciated by all who were there.

My wife, Joan, and I received a letter from Ronnie Coburn of The Breath of Scotland. I am sure many of you will remember Ronnie and his talented cast members.

Ronnie has just received two very distinct honours. He was named the 2005 Citizen of the Year for Dundee and later in the year received the honour of being awarded an M.B.E. (Order of the British Empire) from H.R.H. Charles Prince of Wales.

Your executive is busy planning for the District Drumhead Service to be held in Haliburton in September.

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Ontario competitor Mike Sierlesma takes an aerodynamic position behind his team of eight dogs during the eight dog open race. Sierlesma was the first to start the eight dog open on Saturday. Photos on this page by Darren Lum.



Claude Aumont, driving his team from northern Ontario, takes his eight dogs out onto the course.



Wisconsin competitor Josh Kooiman (left) and Ontario competitor Edgar Morey, (coming into frame, at right), battle head-to-head down the final stretch to the finish line of the eight dog open race.

Derby winners

Here are winners of the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby held over the weekend.

8 Dog Open - Lou Serre

8 Dog Purebred - Hank DeBruin (Haliburton)

6 Dog Open - Martin Deganie

6 Dog Purebred - Debbie Knight

4 Dog Open - Pam Richards

4 Dog Purebred - Laurel Turansky

Skijoring Open - Erin Sperry

Skijoring Purebred - Marcel Garneau

Youth Race - Logan McCready-DeBruin (Haliburton)

Kidd & Mutt - Kaitlin Dunlop (Haliburton)

Karen Koeller - 10th place in Skijoring

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A little more than 40 years ago, winters in Haliburton were a quiet time. The county hibernated and families focused on staying warm and fed until spring when cottagers and tourists returned.

Now in his 70s, Bob Bishop remembers as a child overhearing conversations between his parents about the desire to make Haliburton a year-round destination. This was often after returning from ski vacations in places such as Mount Tremblant. When Bob was 12 he remembers taking the train to the popular Quebec ski hill, for at the time there was no road. If you had extra money you could get a sleepover car and stay there.

Long before skiing ever came to Haliburton, his parents explored having trains come from Toronto with sleepover cars.

In the mid-1940s Clint Melville, a renowned Canadian skier, was hired by the Ministry of Tourism to explore potential ski areas in Ontario. Upon coming to Haliburton, Melville identified the present hill in Eagle Lake as an ideal location. Unfortunately, at the time the owner of the present site of Sir Sam's Ski Area was not interested in permitting the installation of a rope tow. Not dissuaded, some local business people including Bob Bishop's father, R.J. Bishop Sr., formed the Haliburton



Meet the staff of Sir Sam's Ski Area.

Highlands Ski Club and constructed an electric rope tow on a hill close to town. Seen as a temporary ski hill because it faced south, the hill introduced skiing to the Highlands. Abandoned in 1951, Haliburton County waited an additional 15 years before skiers could carve the county's hilly landscape.

In 1965 the Bishop family purchased Glenn Eagle Resort from Harold Proctor who had kept the former Sir Sam Hughes property, including several miles of shoreline and 1,800 acres, intact. When the Bishops transformed it into Sir Sam's Inn, it was the first resort in the County to be open

12 months of the year. Their lives were made even busier when they developed Sir Sam's Ski Area across the road. (They later sold the inn in 1979.)

Today Bob Bishop sits in his office, a television tuned into the weather channel as he answers the phone, re-directing calls and answering questions about ski conditions and accommodation in the area. At one point Bob gets up and goes to the window with a pair of binoculars. His eyes sweep over the hills like an emperor surveying his kingdom.

Sir Sam's Ski Area has seen incredible

growth since its creation 40 years ago. What started off in 1965 as a hill with a T-bar, three runs, two employees and an outhouse has grown to a business with 50 employees, 12 runs, a chalet and four chair lifts, including the original T-bar.

The ski industry has seen tremendous development since the Bishop family first opened the hill with grooming equipment, snowboarding, ski technology and snow-making capabilities.

"Snow-making has changed skiing by allowing us to create a base early on in the season which is virtually indestructible. We're not so dependent on weather," says Bob.

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The success of Sir Sam's can partially be attributed to the fact that the ski area has remained a family business for the last 40 years.

"We're experts at snow-making, grooming and maximizing the advantages of living that much more north than some of the other hills in the province," says Chris Bishop who remembers when his dad began the business when he was nine. "The ski business is part of our family. It's where we have made many of our friends. It's part of our family's culture."

Haliburton has grown slowly but steadily, developing into a winter playground. Sir Sam's Ski Area and the Bishop family should be recognized as contributing to this development.

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The old days

sure cost a lot less to go skiing back in the late 1960s, early 70s, when this photo was taken. Back then an adult lift ticket at Sir Sam's cost \$7; this season, it costs \$42. An adult season pass was \$125; now it's \$595. Prices aren't the only things that have changed: have you seen many people on the slopes with patches on their snowpants lately? Or smoking while buying a lift ticket? Photo courtesy of Sir Sam's Ski & Snow Board Area.

Sir Sam's Ski & Snow Board Area Coming Events

Ski School programs and Snowboard Classes available
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Sir Sam's Ski Challenge

A total of eight races, held every Sunday at noon. Cash prizes and medals awarded after each race. Three leagues to choose from. No entrance fee required!

Saturday February 4th

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Saturday February 18th

Community Living Fun Day. Pledge forms available at the Community Living Centre office in Haliburton. There will be a silent auction, downhill activities, raffles and snowball-oons!

Friday February 24th

Men's Day (free ski rentals). Ticket includes breakfast, a BBQ lunch, dinner, prizes and a whole lot of fun! Tickets are limited. \$100 per person.

Saturday February 25th

Global TV Fun Day. Come out and see all your favorite Global TV personalities on the hill.

Friday March 3rd

Ladies Day (free ski rentals). Who says the boys get all the fun? Tickets include breakfast, a BBQ lunch, dinner and prizes. Always a good time! Tickets are limited. \$100 per person.

Saturday March 4th

Final Race of Sir Sam's Ski Challenge. Grand prize will be awarded. You must ski the final race and at least three races in your series in order to qualify for the grand prize of \$1000 or any of the other great prizes.

March 10th to March 19th

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Saturday March 25th

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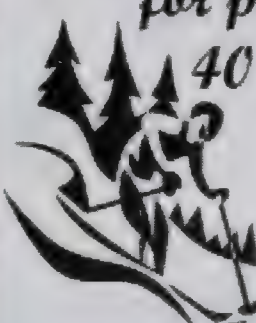
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Fish derby date changed; it's now being held Feb. 4

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Mel Smith

Reviews

Legion Branch 624 presented its annual Robbie Burns Night dinner at the Wilberforce Legion on Saturday, January 28. Everyone appeared to enjoy the meal and the entertainment.

Views

Please note the change in date of the Annual Pat and Phyllis Gallen Lake Trout Ice Fish Derby. It's now on February 4. Registration can be done at the Legion before closing time on February 3 or at The Fishes' Lunch Box before 10 a.m. on February 4. Registration is \$10 per person.

Cash prizes for first, second and third. There will be many other prizes as well.

The four Lakes are Wilbermere and Farquhar (two lines and no slot size) and Grace and Esson (one line and there is a slot size 15.7 to 21.7 inches).

Weigh-in time will be from 3 p.m. til 6

p.m. at the Wilberforce Legion. Ministry of Natural Resources rules apply. MNR officials will be present to take fish samples at weigh-in. Judges' rulings are final.

For more information contact the Wilberforce Legion at 448-2221 or John Sorensen at 448-2738. Good luck to all contestants.

January 31 is the general membership meeting 7 p.m. Please plan to attend.

February 2 is the Ladies Auxiliary meeting.

February 4 is also the karaoke night starting at 9 p.m. Admission is free.

February 7 is the executive meeting at 7 p.m..

February 12 is the all-you-can-eat brunch. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 per child and children under six are free.

Lest We Forget

Monday is fun pool night; starting time is 7 p.m..

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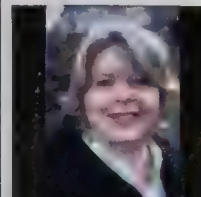
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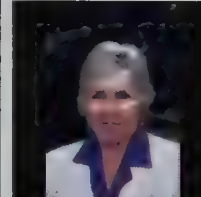


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Everyone can participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count, from beginning bird watchers to seasoned experts.

During the count, bird watchers tally up birds for as little as 15 minutes, or for as long as they like, keeping track of the highest number of each bird species they see together at one time. People are encouraged to report birds from public lands and local parks, as well as from their backyards.

Participants enter their numbers online at www.birdsource.org/gbbc and can explore sightings maps, lists, and charts as the count progresses.

During the 2005 count, Ontario residents sent in 1,173 checklists featuring 112 species. The top five birds reported in the province were the common redpoll, American goldfinch, house sparrow, Canada goose and black-capped chickadee. Common redpolls made the



top five reported birds in eight out of the 12 lists.

In 2006, for the first time, certificates of recognition will be awarded to the three provinces submitting the most checklists, the top five localities across Canada submitting the most lists and to the locality submitting the most checklists within each province.

A photo contest will also be held based on bird pictures taken during the event and submitted for posting on the GBBC gallery. Winners will be announced after all the data from the event have been submitted.

People willing to promote the Great Backyard Bird Count in their community may become GBBC Ambassadors. Just send an email with GBBC in the subject line to Jennifer Smith at jls39@cornell.edu. Please include your name, address, e-mail, and province. Information will be sent outlining the ways you can help boost participation in your town.

There is no fee or advance registration for the event, which is sponsored by Wild Birds Unlimited.

For more information, contact the Cornell Lab of Ornithology at cornellbirds@cornell.edu or (607) 254-2473; or contact Audubon at citizenscience@audubon.org; (215) 355-9588, ext. 16.



Star shines with hospital

The Highland Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star has been a faithful supporter of local hospitals and healthcare facilities for years. The chapter's Immediate Past Worthy Patron Ron Matthews and Immediate Past Worthy Matron Sharon Matthews recently presented \$1,200 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's Executive Director Dale Walker and Chairman Peter Oyler. This money will reduce the capital loan. Altogether the chapter has contributed \$14,791 to the capital campaign. Every year the Worthy Matron chooses a charity and project. The foundation is thankful and appreciates the donation. Photo, Darren Lum.



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SEALED TENDERS marked "Coleman Lake Bridge," in the envelope provided, will be received by hand in the Clerk's Office in the Village of Haliburton, until 3:00 PM local time on Friday February 17th, 2006 for the following:

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The work includes, but is not necessarily limited to the following items:

- Replacement of deck and girders
- Installation of steel beam guide rail
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Tender documents may be obtained from the office of the Municipality between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. local time Monday to Friday commencing January 26, 2006. There is a one time charge of \$50.00 (including G.S.T.) per copy (non-refundable) payable to Municipality of Dysart et al for the Tender Documents. If further information is required, please contact the Engineer or Owner.

The Municipality of Dysart et al reserves the right to accept or to reject any tender and also reserves the right to accept any tender other than the lowest tender.

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**NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING
TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION
TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL**

DATE: February 13th, 2006
TIME: any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.
APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are a part of an original road allowance, allowance for road or shoreline road allowance, located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

- Applicant:** Harcourt Park Inc. (Birket & Corbett)
Location: Allen Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 1, Concession 8, Township of Harcourt.
 - Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by C.T. Strongman Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicant:** Harcourt Park Inc. (Wilson)
Location: Allen Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 2, Concession 8, Township of Harcourt.
 - Defined as Part 1 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by C.T. Strongman Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicant:** Wood/Roberts
Location: Haliburton Village
 - Road Allowance
 - Part of the Road Allowance (daylighting triangle) for Highland and Spruce Streets In Front of Lot 18, Concession 8, Township of Dysart.
 - Defined on a plan of survey attached to Instrument No. 15573, prepared by Harry Curry Bishop, OLS., being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 19th day of January, 2006.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Municipal Planner

Plaque unveiling planned Aug. 15

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
418-2011

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild held its annual general meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2006 at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum which it operates. The business and activities of the W.H. Guild during 2005 were reviewed and approved. Many visitors came to the site in 2005. Of special interest to the public were programs for Heritage Week (Feb.), Canada Day, the 13th Anniversary (Aug.) and the Christmas Open House as well as a display of photographs and posters about the exhibition "Caring Profession - 400 years of Nursing in Canada" at the Museum of Civilization in Gatineau (Hull/Ottawa). The guild's baby scales and the maternity kit are part of that exhibition which began mid-June 2005 and runs to Sept. 2006. All directors agreed to remain on the board for 2006. They include Flo Taylor, Gerald Shackleton, Ken Sanderson, Nadeen Sanderson, Marlene Robertson, Valerie French, Flo Elliott, Hilda Clark and Cathy Agnew.

A project of repair and maintenance that began in the fall of 2005 and continues at the outpost includes work on the porches and steps, the electrical system and ventilation and insulation in the attic. The W. H. Guild appreciates the partnership of the Haliburton County Development Corporation (L.I.P. grant) and the Municipality of Highlands East with it in this work to maintain our National Historic Site.

Also of good news is that the National

Historic Sites and Monuments Board has Tuesday, August 15, 2006 on its calendar as the date that a plaque at our outpost will be unveiled indicating that the building and site is designated as a National Historic Site of Canada.

People with Scottish ancestry and many who love the sound of the bagpipes and the poetry of Robbie Burns had a fine time celebrating the old bard's birthday last week at Legion Branch 624 in Wilberforce. Though Burns' birthdate is January 25th, the celebrations took place on Saturday, January 28th. A pre-dinner social time was enjoyed as people gathered and were welcomed by Elois Somerville Auxiliary President and Dave Burton Legion President. The haggis carried by Sean Cook was paraded in to the music of pipers Cheryl Ellenburger and Ben Wilkinson all of the North Hastings Highlanders. Andy Christie addressed the haggis with a Burns' poem and dramatically stabbed open the steaming contents. Toasts were made to the haggis, Queen and Country, all lassies and laddies. The roast beef dinner, prepared and served by the Ladies Auxiliary, was delicious, especially the carrot-turnip dish, along with the tasty lemon dessert. (I did miss the great bread pudding they have traditionally served.) The soup was a pleasant addition. More music of the pipes was heard after dinner. Veteran Len Crawford, in thanking the musicians, recalled how after long training runs, they would be heartened by the bagpipers piping them with less tired bodies back to the barracks.

Snowmobilers by the dozens enjoyed the great weather and the trails in the area, especially Saturday, Jan. 28. I counted more than 40 at one point Saturday afternoon at the Esso station and at the XRoads Cafe. Wow!



Helen Barry turned 85-years-young recently and was surprised by friends and family at the Bonnie View Inn. Barry has lived in the Highlands for more than 60 years where she raised her family on a farm in West Guilford. With six boys and one daughter this self-proclaimed "farmer's wife" is proud to have lived here. Despite the work and effort involved in raising a large family she said they were always happy and had their health. She has 16 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Photo, Darren Lum.

Ode to Helen

The following poem was read to Helen Barry at her 85th birthday party at the Bonnie View Inn on January 21.

Now here's to Helen, your mother so dear
Managed to make it to this 85th year
Thro' toil and trouble tried to spare the rod
But never lost her faith in God.

Wedded to Murray many years ago
Had more ups and downs than we'll ever know
Then along came the children one after another
A son, then brother, after brother, after brother -

Yes, along came the boys, Marshall, Merrill and Ronnie
Carm, Ken and Tim, oh, don't forget

Bonnie!
What a job to bring up from birth to full grown
Bet she'd often want to moan and groan.

And then they all married and kids came along
Fourteen grandkids - is that number wrong?
And sixteen great-grandkids, what a family tree
They'll carry the Barry name to infinity.

Now, Helen, I want to wish you the very best,
Good health, God's blessings, and all the rest,
So sit back, relax and have a good time
And just watch your family expanding the Barry Line!

- Ev Stata

West Guilford residents get the travelling jones

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-7258

Ken and Lee-Anne Goodall travelled to Cobourg where they met with Rolf and Karen Neibert of Hamburg, Germany as they visited with the mutual children, Ryan, Fran and Kiera Goodall. The following day, Jan. 22nd., they met with Darryl, Rose, Amanda and Danielle Goodall at Bewdley to go skating with them before coming home.

The same weekend, Jan. 21st, Jean Morrison travelled from Renfrew with Tammy (Moore) Purvis and daughter, Nekoda, to West Guilford to visit their respective parents and to call in on their mutual friend, Sarah Adams and family.

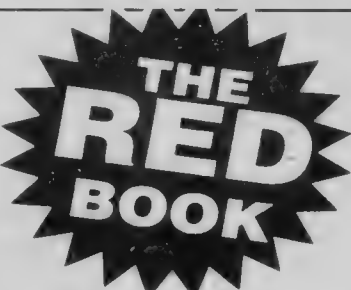
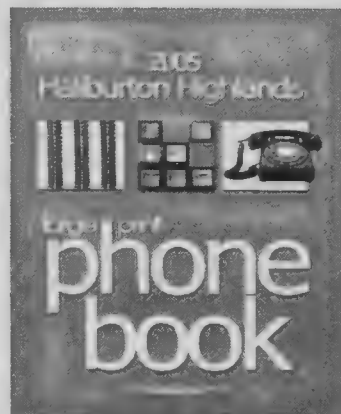
It is so sad to have to report get another passing in the death of Ian Wood, husband of Margaret Wood, on Jan. 26, 2006. Ian was a loyal Scot, so proud of his heritage and knowledgeable about Scottish lore. His ashes will be buried in Banchory, Scotland which was his native

place. Our sympathy goes out to Margaret in this her great loss.

Robbie Burns Night on Jan. 28 was an entertaining evening of both Highland and Country dancing. Breanna Mansfield and her class performed several times in various costumes to Earl's piping. The Haliburton Pipes and Drums played several sets. Jim Milne led some Scottish Country dances: Cumberland Reel, Canadian Barn Dance, and of course the Gay Gordons which followed the opening Grand March.

Bill Elliott presented the Immortal Memory, as the tribute to Burns is known, and addressed the haggis most vigorously in true Scottish flair, accent and dialect. Door prizes were won by about eight people, numbers being called by our laughter, Beth Zuwala of St. Catharines, who emceed the whole program. Buffet by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary was tasty and plentiful, and people took the time to chat over this supertime.

The event was well attended and thanks goes to Bev MacDonald, wife of Pipe Major Fraser Macdonald, for organizing and planning it well.



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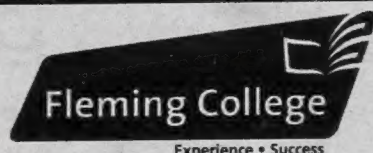
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er.

400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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**In the Estate of
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Province of Ontario.

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All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of MARILYN FRANCES ROBERTSON, late of the township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 27th day of December, 2005, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 15th day of February, 2006.

AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Executor for the Estate being Allan Robertson, shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 10th day of January, 2006 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0. Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Marilyn Frances Robertson.

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440 THANK YOU

THANK YOU to my family for the lovely 85th Birthday dinner and party they had for me on Saturday, January 21, 2006. Thank you to everyone for all the beautiful cards and gifts. I really appreciated seeing my children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, friends and relatives. Thank you to the Bonnie View Inn for their wonderful hospitality, excellent service, dinner and patience. Thank you to Evelyn Stata for the poem. God Bless you all. Helen Barry.

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The family of the late RAY CASEY would like to thank our family, friends and neighbours for their donations of money and food, their visits, phone calls and cards during the loss of a very loving and caring husband, father and grandfather. Lorraine, ReNée, Kenton and families.

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460 OBITUARIES

AT REST IAN CAMERON WOOD

Passed away peacefully at home
on

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In his 78th year.

Beloved husband of Margaret. Dear father of Mark and Natalie, Steve and Lyn and grandfather of Samantha and Stephen. Dear brother of Sheila and Betty and predeceased by Aileen. Ian's wish was for Cremation and to send his cremated remains to Scotland. Memorial donations to the Kidney Foundation, Heart and stroke Foundation or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated and may be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St. P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 or on line at www.gordon-monkfuneralhome.com.

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460 OBITUARIES

ROBERTSON, MARILYN – At Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, December 27, 2005 in her 78th year. Beloved wife of Alan "Robbie" Robertson. Beloved mother of Stephen (Jennifer) of Orillia. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Nicole and Ryan. Dear sister of Jack, William, Alan, Brenda, David, Dennis and Bob. Predeceased by her sister Ruth and her brothers. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to visit with the family at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Friday, February 3, 2006 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held in the Chapel on Saturday morning, February 4, 2006 at 11 o'clock. Interment later Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

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- **Jan. 31:** Introductions to Taoist Tai Chi – Gentle exercise for health. Minden: Hyland Crest. Mon., Jan. 30 - 7:00 a.m. Tues., Jan. 31, 1:00 p.m. Call Ginny at 489-2996.
- **Feb. 1:** "Work Like You Don't Need the Money" – the Reinvention of Work. Learn to find meaningful, satisfying and sustainable work through this 15-week program beginning Wed., Feb. 1 at the Gaia Centre in Haliburton.
- **Feb. 2, 9 & 16:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton is offering Learning Begins workshop series for families with children 0-2 years in Haliburton. Babies have "best times" for learning. Join us to learn about how the brain works, find out when and what your baby is learning at each age, and find ways to give your child a best start in thinking and doing! Join us Thursday mornings starting February 2, 9, and 16 by registering at our Early Learning Centre 457-2989 by January 26, 2006. Ask us about child-care.
- **Feb. 4:** Dance! – Fundraiser for Kinmount Minor Hockey. Blues at the Hall! Featuring Johnny Mac and The Cobalt Blues Band. Join us for an evening of Hot Chicago swing style Blues and Hot Galway style Chili! Sat., Feb. 4, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Age of Majority Event. Cash at the door.
- **Feb. 5:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Dollo's IGA.
- **Feb. 8:** The Regular Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held Wednesday, February 8th. Doors open at 6 p.m., speaker at 7 p.m. Note new location: the Minden Hills Cultural Centre - enter by the back door. The speaker will be Tom Dawson of Wintergreen speaking about maple syrup production. No charge - everyone welcome. For more info contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.
- **Feb. 9:** The public is invited to a very special meeting presented by CFUW Haliburton (the local Chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women. 7 p.m. at Fleming College. The topic is a vital one for all of us – "Planning for an Influenza Pandemic". Speaker is well known locally – Robin Anthony. She is Infection Control Practitioner for Haliburton Highlands. (Refreshments will be served.)
- **Feb. 11:** Tall Pines Snowmobile Club & Lions Camp Dorset – Poker Rally & St. Valentine's Dance. Sat., Feb. 11, 10 a.m. Over \$10,000 in prizes. Pre-registration: Fri. 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Registration: Sat. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. OFSC Trail permits required. Adults only (19+) after 6 p.m. For more info call Barb (705) 766-2108, Donna (705) 766-9253. www.tallpines.org. Proceeds to aid Kidney Dialysis, Lions Camp Dorset.

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- **Community Care** has a trip planned for May 24 to the World Premier performance of The Lord of the Rings. This trip includes transportation by highway coach, tickets in row D, E, & F in the dress circle section of the Princess of Wales Theatre, and a delicious dinner at the Town and Country Restaurant. To travel with Community Care you must be a Trip Club Member, please call 457-2941.
- **Wednesdays – Aquasize** classes have now begun. Community Care still has spots open for the Wednesday classes. Enjoy low impact exercises in the water. Classes re one hour in length and take place at the Wigamog Inn. Please call Ida for more information 457-2941.
- **Thursdays are all about Babies** at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton. While babies sleep and play parents share the joys and wonder of parenting. If you have any question about your infants care, or growth and development the HKPR Health Unit offers a Well Baby Drop In on January 19th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further info., please call Stephanie at 457-2989.
- **Attention All Dads:** Have an adventure with your child this Saturday and Visit the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton. Fathers who drop by enjoy building castles in the construction zone creating masterpieces in the art room. Open Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting again on Jan. 14th. Also, watch for more information on Family Literacy Day, celebrated on Sat., Jan. 27th. Call 457-2989.

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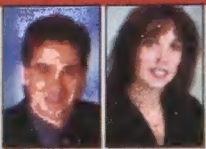
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HALIBURTON ACREAGE

27.23 rolling acres with a mixture of trees and hardwood bush. Fronting on a year-round road only 15 minutes from the town of Haliburton. Driveway in, hydro and telephone nearby.

ASKING \$30,000

REDSTONE LAKE

180 feet of frontage on one of Haliburton's nicest lakes. 1.61 acres, gently sloping, North/West exposure, excellent privacy, rock & sand shoreline and big lake view.

ASKING \$169,000

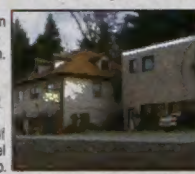


Julie Gray* Marilyn Hawley
457-1011
exts. 230 & 237

INCOME PROPERTY HALIBURTON VILLAGE

Building & Land only. Busy comm. prop. offers the best in location in Haliburton Village across from Head Lake, mun. dock & public park. 6,635' structure w/4 office or retail entrances at street level, 2-2 bdrm & 2-1 bdrm apts., fully occupied. There are a total of 14 parking spaces at St. level & rear of upper level. Ex. opp. to own an income property!

\$419,000



GULL LAKE

Year-round WF home featuring a fabulous view of Gull Lake from most rooms. Plenty of areas to entertain family & friends w/2 lg LR's both w/FP & 6 spacious bdrms, 3 with w/o decks. 3 baths incl. master ensuite. Interior design exudes warmth & charm w/it's wainscoting & country décor. Outside there is a private patio & bar, a lg party/sundeck at the shore & a dock w/boatlift.

\$799,000

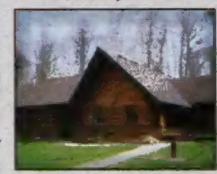


Bill Kulas*
286-2911
ext. 44

LOG HOME - REID ROAD

Nestled on a nicely treed & very private 32 acres property. This custom-built round log home features an open concept design. Vaulted ceiling with a massive one-of-a-kind stone fireplace. 4 bdrms, office/den, 2 full baths + a detached 2 car garage & barn. Only a 10 min. drive from Minden. A must see!

\$289,000



W/F HOME - GULL RIVER

Picturesque setting on Gull River, only a short boat ride to Gull Lake. This modern, custom-built raised bungalow, built only 3 yrs ago, is value-priced for a quick sale! Open concept design, oak kitchen, laminate flooring, large deck, full bsmt, many extras. Call Bill Kulas today to view.

\$214,500



Ken Barry* & Deb Deremo*
457-1011
exts. 228 & 232

DRAG RIVER ACREAGES FROM \$34,900 TO \$64,900

Your choice of seven beautifully treed riverfront lots with an excellent location on the edge of town. With access off a municipally maintained road, they offer the peace, tranquility and privacy you've been looking for. Good building sites to choose from, with hydro and telephone available at the road. Call for all the details!



Cathy Lancia*
754-4242

ROUND LOG COTTAGE/ HOME ON PELAW LAKE

Part of 3 lake Redstone chain. Level property, 220' sand frtg, well treed, natural landscape. Priv. & quiet setting, screened gazebo. Oversized garage. Incl. A/C FAO furnace, HRV, drilled well, softener, 200 amp service, metal roof, solid pine stairs, unique features, log stairways & railings, floor-to-ceiling reclaimed brick FP, 3 baths & storage.

NOW \$699,700



BEAUTIFUL WATERFRONT ACREAGE

On Big Redstone Lake w/over 400 ft frontage & 8 acres of well wooded property. One side has an awesome rock ridge for privacy, the other side is a gradual slope to the lakefront. Driveway is in & site is arranged. Clean shoreline has rock & sand bottom. Lovely western view up East Bay. Prime waterfront acreage don't miss it.

NOW \$299,700

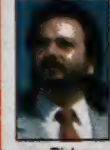


Geoff Bunn*
457-1011
ext. 242

176 ACRE RETREAT

Located minutes from the town of Haliburton. This 3 bedroom home/cottage sits close to the shoreline of Bonham Lake. The cottage is full of old country charm w/wood interior & cathedral ceilings. For more information call Geoff Bunn.

\$599,000



Rick Lowes*
286-2911
ext. 47

12 MILE LAKE WATERFRONT

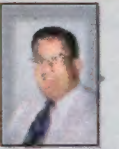
Level, private and beautiful sand beach, good building site. Miles of boating, great fishing and swimming. CALL NOW.

\$199,900

KUSHOG LAKE NEW PRICE!

Custom built executive 3 bedroom cottage / home. Loads of extras includes, bass boat, paddle boat and ski boat. CALL NOW!

\$354,900



Fred Chapple*
286-2911
ext. 43

\$159,500

SWEET & COZY
Older home, 2 bdrm, family kitchen, lots of windows, level lot, all on oak floor. Nice workshop. Older metal septic tank, but still operational.

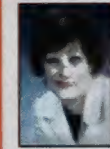


A GREAT RENTAL OPPORTUNITY

Here is your chance to own a home which boasts "old-world charm". 4 bedrooms + lots of room to roam. Has commercial C-1 zoning - start your own home business.



\$124,900



Karen Nimigon*
457-1011
ext. 224

MOORE LAKE

Charming country 4 season waterfront cottage/home. Wood walls, cathedral ceiling, well designed kitchen. Sunken living room w/wood stove & w/o to deck, full basement, single car garage & workshop, 3-lake chain, sand shoreline, cedar dock & easy access to snowmobile trails. Why wish & wait? Call Karen today to view.

\$319,000



Victor Disk*
286-2911
ext. 45

MINDEN RURAL

Custom built 3 bdrm bungalow on a private 5 acre property. Bright & spacious open concept design. Master bdrm features a 3 piece ensuite & w/o to a sun room. Full finished bsmt, 2-car attached garage + single car detached garage, large deck, hot tub room & much, much more. For appointment call Victor Disk.

ASKING \$289,500



SOUTH LAKE

This year round cottage/home is about 2 hours to Toronto & only minutes to Minden. A very large kitchen makes entertaining enjoyable. The 3 bdrms are a good size in this 1200 sq ft home. Close to skiing, snowmobile trails & more. This Lake boasts very good bass fishing. Come see for yourself. Ask for Victor Disk.



\$269,000



Elizabeth Thompson*
457-1011
ext. 248

CENTURY FARMHOUSE

Quaint 5 bdrm home located on Hwy #118 across from Green Lake, a 3 lake chain. Great 4 acre retreat property. House has loads of character. Enjoy the breeze & lake view from the front porch swing. Upgrades in recent years. Lrg loft area can be made into a studio or master suite. New drilled well in 2002. Reshingled in 1997. Call Elizabeth.

\$219,000



Vince Duchene**
457-1011
ext. 225

Great 3 bdrm family or retirement home located 15 minutes east of Haliburton on Hwy #118. This home also features 2 baths, finished rec room with w/o as well as a w/o off the dining room to back deck, large, private backyard and more. Call today for viewing!



\$139,900



Ted Vasey*
457-1011
ext. 223

INGOLDSBY

Well maintained 1800 sq ft bungalow. Modern oak kitchen w/island, w/o kitchen to rear deck, new cedar bath with Jacuzzi tub, 3 bdrms, main floor laundry & new roof, new drilled well, close to lake access.

NOW \$169,000



BOSHKUNG LAKE

Spectacular view from this 3 bdrm cottage. Country kitchen with a lake view, open concept living room, w/o LR to deck, perimeter foundation, modern septic, natural rock lot, Western view.

ASKING \$349,000



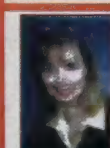
Lenor Fulton* Tracy Ackertblade*
286-2911
exts. 23 & 46

SERVICE STATION IN GOODERHAM

This commercial property, zoned C1, is a great opportunity to be your own boss. It boasts a 3-bay garage complete with a hoist and tools to run your own automotive business. Also incl. in the purchase price is a 2 bedroom home with new basement windows and a new oil furnace. Please call Tracy or Lenor.



\$349,900



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2911
ext. 40

NEW PRICE!

DAVIS LAKE ROAD

Two lots (6.9 acres and 6.1 acres) on year round Township road with hydro at lot line and backing onto crown land. Call Melanie for details.

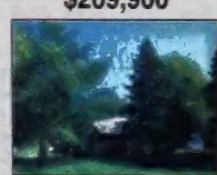
\$16,900/each



Linda Beachli***
457-1011
ext. 227

LEGAL DUPLEX

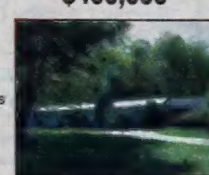
This property offers 3 bdrms in the upper suite & 1 bdrm with a w/o in the lower suite. All on a park-like setting with a pond on the property, trail system all the back of the property, on a quiet cul-de-sac near the school & hospital.



\$209,900

INVESTMENT

Large 3 bdrm home, stone FP, double attached garage and a finished bsmt. Prime location opposite the hospital on 7 acres with mixed use zoning in the official plan.



\$400,000



Peter Brady**
457-1011
ext. 234

TORY HILL RENTAL

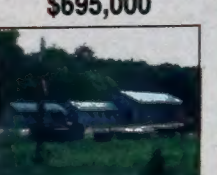
Two single bdrm apartments on the second floor, lots of space on the main floor and room to finish a basement apartment. Over 1 acre of land. Separate 2 car garage.

\$169,900



COMMERCIAL

Fantastic location just south of Minden on Hwy 35. Established shops totaling 7300 sq ft incl. office space. Additional lots included with industrial and commercial zoning. Over 10 acres in all.



\$695,000